

**MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2023**

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**COUNTY OF MCHENRY        S.S.**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

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Supervisor Barla called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 7:00 pm with the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call:**

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| Supervisor Barla   | present |
| Trustee Macrito    | present |
| Trustee Bindenagel | present |
| Trustee Shaver     | Present |
| Trustee Jaeger     | present |

**Public Comment**

**#1 Nancy Fick – McHenry Township -** Wanted to know if we had any information on past records of the Township for her research. Both Clerk Aylward and Administrator Macrito told her that we have books that go back to the 1800s and she can view them at any time, they are open to the public.

**#2 Judy Gotlieb –** Wanted to thank McHenry Township for the Community Garden it has meant a lot to the gardeners and looking forward to new gardeners next year. In addition, we appreciate the help from the park staff.

**#3 Robert Beltran -** Voiced his opinion that the township has a responsibility to the township residents to protect them from the Gravel Pit. He also had concerns about the Township using assets for the immigrants that are he legally as asylum seekers and help in transitional help into permanent accommodations.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Motion for Discussion and approval of the McHenry Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes on September 14, 2023, by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver.**

**Motion to approve with corrections and brought back to the board for approval by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver. No further discussion**

**Voice vote - All ayes Motion carries**

**Motion for approval of receipts and bills for the Town Fund**

**Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the Town Fund by Trustee Shaver, second by Trustee Jaeger**

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total reimbursements to be approved | \$67.47      |
| Total Bills to be approved          | \$10,302.34  |
| Total Bill paid prior to Audit      | \$288,714.06 |
| Total to be approved                | \$299,083.87 |
| Total Receipts                      | \$49,935.29  |

### **Roll call vote**

**Supervisor Barla      aye**

**Trustee Macrito      aye**

**Trustee Bindenagel      aye**

**Trustee Jaeger      aye**

**All ayes - Motion carries**

**Motion for approval of receipts and bills for General Road and Bridge fund by Trustee Jaeger second by Trustee Shaver.**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total reimbursements to be approved | \$00.00     |
| Total Bills to be approved          | \$55,334.73 |
| Total Bill paid prior to Audit      | \$15,091.56 |
| Total to be approved                | \$70,426.29 |
| Total Receipts                      | \$11,958.43 |

**Roll call vote**

Supervisor Barla      aye  
Trustee Macrito      aye  
Trustee Shaver      aye  
Trustee Bindenagel      aye  
Trustee Jaeger      aye

**All ayes - Motion carries**

**Motion for approval of receipts and bills for Permanent Hard Road Fund by Trustee Bindenagel second by Trustee Macrito.**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total reimbursements to be approved | \$00.00     |
| Total Bills to be approved          | \$21,041.57 |
| Total Bill paid prior to Audit      | \$24,991.73 |
| Total to be approved                | \$46,033.30 |
| Total Receipts                      | \$4,289.45  |

**Roll call vote**

Supervisor Barla      Aye  
Trustee Macrito      Aye  
Trustee Jaeger      Aye  
Trustee Bindenagel      Aye  
Trustee Shaver      Aye

**All ayes - Motion carries**

**Fund transfers (None)**

**New Business**

**Motion to discuss and possible action the Levy and Budget amount to be raised by taxation for the 2023 Levy year, made by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver**

**All ayes motion carries.**

**Discussion ensued.**

**Supervisor Barla stated that there are some updated documents and that there has been a change on the County website. Attorney Militello was asked to explain, he explained in detail the equalizer and how it is calculated. He went on explaining that the tax rate for the Township went down but because of all the new growth, the levy will receive more money even though the rate went down. He went on explaining the rest of the procedure to conclude that we are only increasing by 2.06%.**

**Trustee Shaver explained that even though we are collecting less from each that because there so many more with all the new homes we will receive more.**

**Supervisor Barla stated that because of the Levy and budget cuts from the last board we are still in deficit, spending from about 2 million to 1.8 million. Supervisor Barla went on saying that is why the recommendation is 7.06.**

**Trustee Shaver stated looking at this, we are still less than we were 5 years ago. Supervisor Barla, that is correct.**

**Supervisor Barla made a Motion to approve for the Levy of \$1,625,000.00 second by Trustee Shaver**

**Roll call vote**

**Supervisor Barla      Aye**

**Trustee Macrito      Aye**

**Trustee Jaeger      Aye**

**Trustee Bindenagel      Aye**

**Trustee Shaver      Aye**

**All ayes - Motion carries.**

**8.2 Motion to for Discussion of the Township Board opinion regarding assets being used for immigrant housing or use in any manner or used in any manner by Supervisor Barla second by Trustee Shaver**

**Supervisor Barla stated that the only thing in the Township Code has to do with General Assistance, that if a legal immigrant came to the Township for assistance, we would have to assist that person.**

**A question from Robert Beltran, part of the public, asked if we were required to provide housing for them. Supervisor Barla replied we do not have any buildings like that.**

**Trustee Macrito stated his concern about the amount of money we have allocated to Emergency Assistance, and he thought we might need to raise that amount to help the migrants.**

**Supervisor Barla along with Administrator Macrito stated that they have to have legal documents to get General Assistance.**

**Supervisor Barla stated that there is no reason for any action to be taken.**

#### **Old Business**

**Supervisor Barla made a motion for the review of the investments resolution and banking policy for discussion and possible action, second by Trustee Macrito**

**Attorney Militello went over in detail of the investment policy, along with the changes requested by the board at the previous meeting.**

**Supervisor Barla stated that one of the banks that we use had an investment policy change, so we needed to update our ordinance, while in the process the board had some changes to complete the update of the resolution.**

**Trustee Macrito made a Motion to accept the Resolution, second by Supervisor Barla**  
**Roll call vote**

**Supervisor Barla      Aye**

**Trustee Macrito      Aye**

**Trustee Jaeger      Aye**

**Trustee Bindenagel      Aye**

**All ayes – Motion carries**

**Supervisor Barla suggested moving the Proposed Agenda Items to the end of the agenda.**

**Trustee Macrito made a motion to move the proposed agenda to the end second by Trustee Jaeger.**

**Voice vote - All Ayes – Motion carries**

**Trustee Shaver made a motion to move board member comments before executive session, second by Trustee Macrito**

**Voice vote - All Ayes - Motion carries.**

### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Barla went over his report. He stated that SSGC put the request of grant monies in a contingency fund for our buses to try to get money from pace.

Trustee Macrito had a question about a plan that Road Commissioner Condon had on Lake St. Administrator Macrito corrected him it was on Fox Lake Rd. about buying those homes. The board will need to talk to Jim regarding this matter. Discussion Ensued. See packet for a complete report.

### **Assessor's Report**

See packet.

**Highway Commissioner's Report**     See packet.

### **Proposed Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting**

#### **# 1 - Discussion and possible action on the Levy**

Supervisor Barla set the time for the Discussion on the levy @ 6:45pm on 9 November 2023

### **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT-**

Trustee Shaver talked about his involvement with the Johnsburg Facebook Group. He spoke about the intersection of Spring Grove Rd. and Miller Rd. and that there have been several accidents. He stated that some members of the Group thought that it was the Township's responsibility to manage it. He was able to get clarification that it is not the township's jurisdiction and that they should attend a meeting at the county or the township with their concerns.

Carl Kaminski, who on the County Board, talked about the accident that happened last weekend, He stated it is all about nothing and people are just overreacting. He stated that the County is always working on safety.

Trustee Macrito Stated that Bob Anderson is out there again and that He was at a meeting with House Speaker Chris Walsh about eliminating Townships.

A motion to adjourn the open meeting @ 8:18pm for executive session stating the reason employee Discussion 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) by Trustee Bindenagel, second by Trustee Shaver

All ayes - Motion carries.

**Motion to resume the open meeting at 8:31 by Supervisor Barla, second by Trustee Macrito**

**All ayes - Motion carries.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by Trustee Shaver, second by Trustee Bindenagel @ 8:32pm**

**All Ayes - Motion Carries.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November 9, 2023, McHenry Township Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

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**Danielle J. Aylward    McHenry Township Clerk**

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